

DIAA Cross Country Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – 6:00pm
Collette Building – Conference Room B

1. George Pepper called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Committee Members in attendance:

Name		Name	
George Pepper, Chair	P	Jason Stockel	P
Jim Fischer	A	Ray Parker	P
Mike Mooney	P	Tommie Neubauer, DIAA ED	P
Michelle Flanagan	P	Bradley Layfield, DIAA BOD Chair	A
Rick Schuder	P		
Pat Castagno	P		
Rick Shea	A		
Mike Tucci	P		
Mike DiGennaro	A	Donna Polk, DIAA COA	P
Guest Attending			

2. Update Committee Information Directory
3. 2019 Meet Site – Killens Pond State Park, November 9, 2019
4. Update Tournament Manual for Changes – discussed updates to the manual (changed dates, site, email for entry and race schedule). Championship welcome memo – discussed referee for the day will be Kevin Kelly. Jury of Appeals if needed – Pat Castagno and Mike Tucci. Voted 8-0 (Pepper, Mooney, Flanagan, Schuder, Castagno, Tucci, Stockel, Parker)
5. Course Set-up and Marking – discussed marking the course 1.4 miles into the course so that it's more visible.
6. Concessions – no discussion
7. Athletic Training Coverage – ED Neubauer shared trainers are already scheduled. Discussion on where they should be placed during the race. Will need a gator.

8. Officials Concerns and Needs – discussed the need for an official on the committee. Must follow up with Mark Armstrong on coverage at the finish line and course marshalls.
9. Courses Survey – review. Discussion on Cross Country Survey Nov 2018.
 1. 26 yes; 5 no were in favor of keeping the current format that allows all teams to compete in the state meet.
 2. 19 satisfied; 10 dissatisfied with the current procedure of alternating between Killen's Pond State Park and New Castle County State Park (Brandywine Creek and White Clay Creek). 1st choice would be White Clay – concern is hunting season (will need to get schedule from DNREC) Tentative Schedule 2020 – Brandywine Creek.
 3. 20 yes; 9 no would be in favor of a 3 year rotation with a course developed in Sussex County.
 4. 16 yes; 16 no in favor of using the same course every year for our DIAA State Championship Meet.
 5. 16 yes; 15 no are satisfied with the current Div I/Div II format with the 18 largest schools in Div I and 31 schools in Div II. Discussion on combined state meet (scoring, expanding the start line, requirements and a course that accommodate a long finish and long start).
10. Committee Members Items
 1. Sussex County Course – discussion on new course that may be ready in 2020
 2. NFHS 100th Anniversary Ideas – honorary starter, logo on shirt, honor 1st girls Runner winner (1981)
11. Public Concerns and / or Comments – None
12. For the Good of the Cause – Nothing
13. Motion to adjourn by Rick Schuder and seconded by Michelle Flanagan at 7:50pm. Voted 8-0 (Pepper, Mooney, Flanagan, Schuder, Castagno, Tucci, Stockel, Parker)